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For : LONGITUDINALLY FLEXIBLE STENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This Amendment is in reply to an Office action concerning the above patent application. A petition and fee for a three month extension of time is attached extending the due date to March 24, 2003. Favorable consideration in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Approval is respectfully requested of the proposed drawing correction to Figure 8 as marked in red on the attached informal drawing.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **amend** claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21 and 26 as follows:

1.(Twice Amended) A uniformly flexible stent for holding open a blood vessel comprising:

a. a first loop containing section, said first loop containing section arranged generally in a circumferential direction, the loops in said first loop containing section occurring at a first frequency;

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